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"She's very conscious of
her horoscope; that's the
sign she was born under!"



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An economist says that people
should dress to suit their taste. "That's
why the nudist colonies are so
popular!" says Barbara Osterman.



Some fellows simply don't care where they toss their hat!

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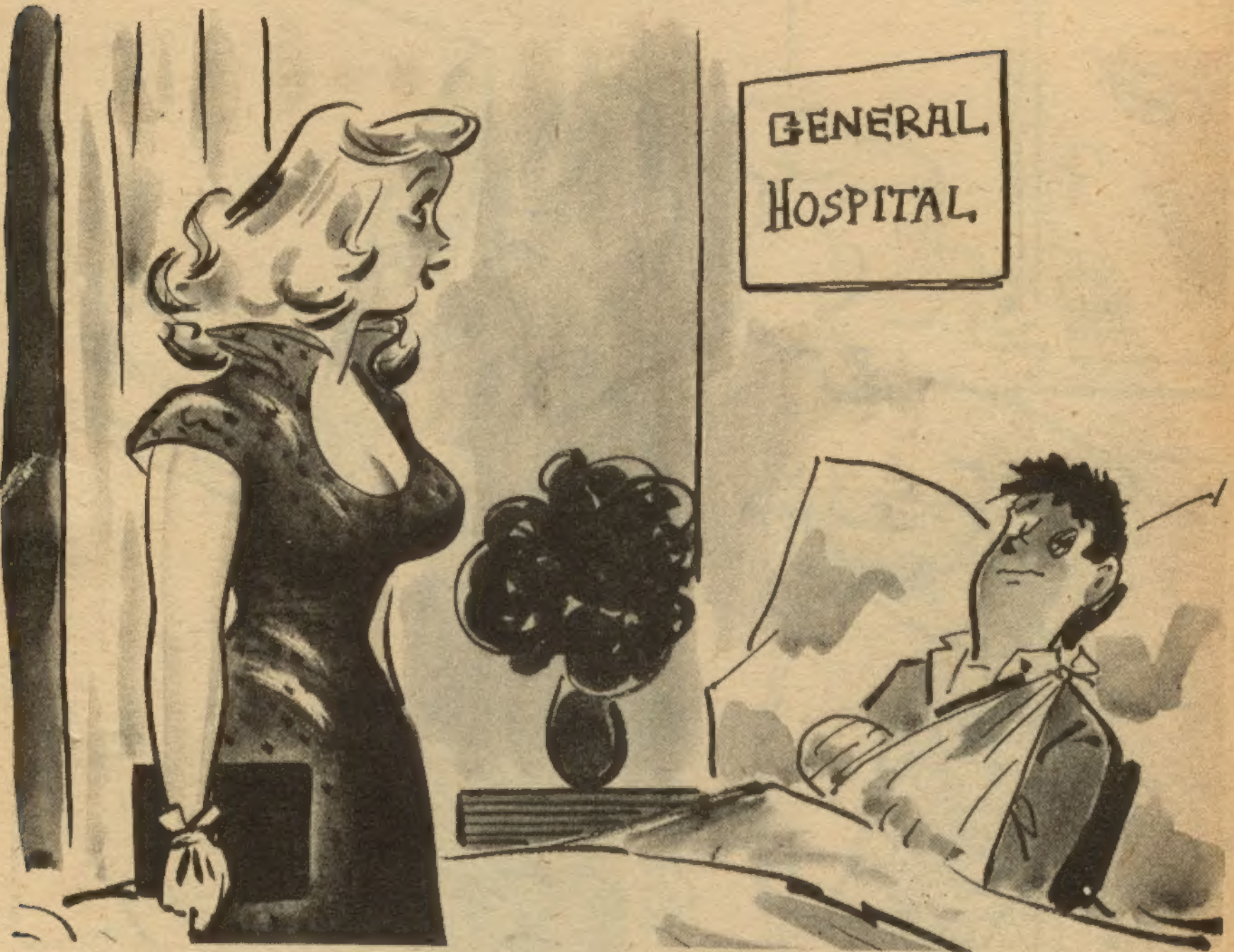
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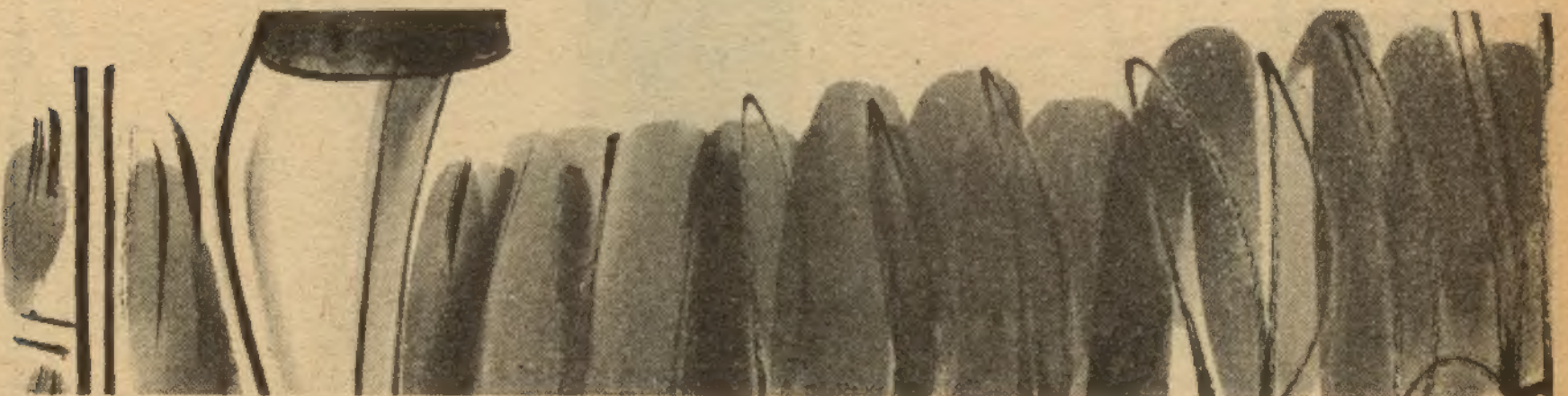
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"THIS TIME THE GIRLS AT THE OFFICE REALLY WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU'RE FEELING!"



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"SO THIS IS WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU INVITED ME TO YOUR APARTMENT TO SHOW ME WHAT HEAVEN WAS LIKE!"



"YES, MAM, HAMMOCKS ARE ON THE SECOND FLOOR!"



"OH, YEAH?—YOU JUST GET A LOOK AT MY SALES TOTAL THIS EVENING!"



"FOR A MINUTE I THOUGHT YOU HAD A CARD UP YOUR SLEEVE!"

Lily: "I'm divorcing my husband on account of a misunderstanding."

Tilly: "What misunderstanding?"

Lily: "I understood him to say that he'd be out of town for a whole week."



"MURPHY, HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING THE GROCERY BASKETS AGAIN?"



QUIPS BY PIPS . . . EVE MEYER

**"A BACHELOR IS A MAN WHO DOESN'T WANT
TO PLAY TROTH OR CONSEQUENCES!"**

John Henry Faulk had an uncle who was quite religious—but equally tired whenever he rolled home in the wee hours of the morning.

So he had a prayer framed; he hung it over his bed; and on each such occasion he would hit the sack, point to the prayer and say, "Lord, them's my sentiments. Good night now!"



"LAST NIGHT I CAME HOME CLUTCHING A WALLET. "DOC, PLEASE DO SOMETHING TO CURE MY SLEEPWALKING!"

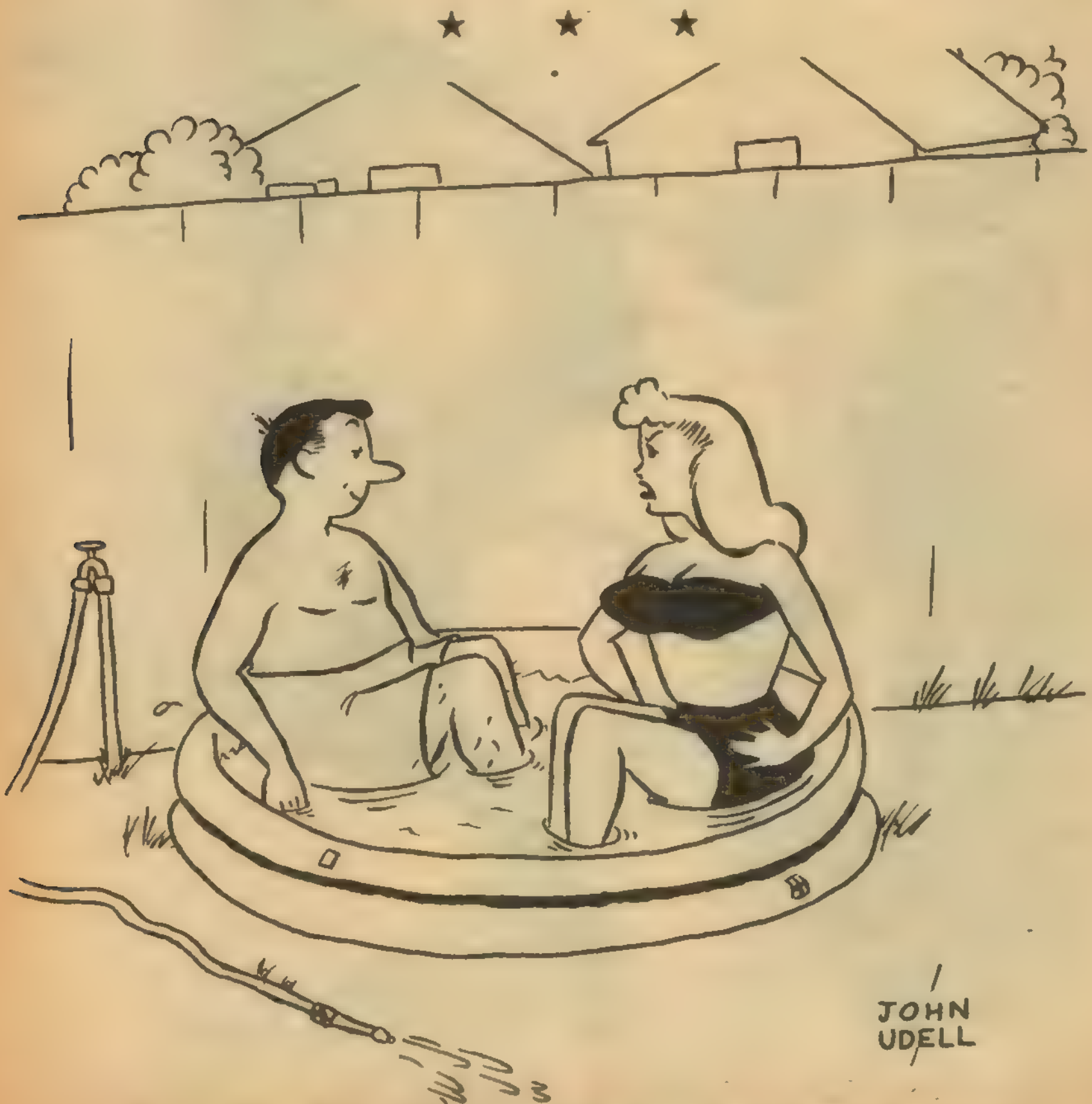


"MAY I RECOMMEND THE BREAST OF GUINEA HEN OR THE RUMP OF
VEAL, SIR—I"

Smith asked his neighbor how he managed to keep his car looking so nice and glossy. The neighbor replied that his wife let him have all of her worn out panties and that he used them to polish his car.

Since Smith was a confirmed bachelor, he decided to ask his secretary for some of hers. The next afternoon at the office, he asked; "By the way, Miss Bronson, what do you do with your panties when you wear them out?"

"Why," she replied demurely, "if I can find them afterwards, I put them on again!"



"IS THIS THE POOL YOU SAID YOU HAD IN YOUR BACK YARD?"

QUIPS BY PIPS . . . LEE SHARON

**"I LOVE TO GO TO BASEBALL PARTIES; THAT'S
WHERE THE PARTY ISN'T OVER 'TIL THE LAST
MAN GETS THROWN OUT!"**



Willie: "Oh, this is terrible. The doctor just found that I'm allergic to alcohol. Whenever I take a drink, I itch all over."

George: "What are you gonna do about it?"

Willie: "Let my fingernails grow!"

(Red Skelton as Willie Lumplump)



"NOI . . . NO NUDES; I'M A SURGEON!"



"A BOTTLE OF ASPIRIN TABLETS, ED, AND COME SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT THIS CHEST COLD!"



"NO, STUPID, I SAID MY BRASSIE!"



"PERSONALLY, I THINK SHE TAKES 'CHARADES' TOO SERIOUSLY!"



**"I'M HAPPY TO LEARN THAT OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS ARE STRENGTHEN-
ING OUR FOUNDATIONS FOR LASTING PEACE!"**



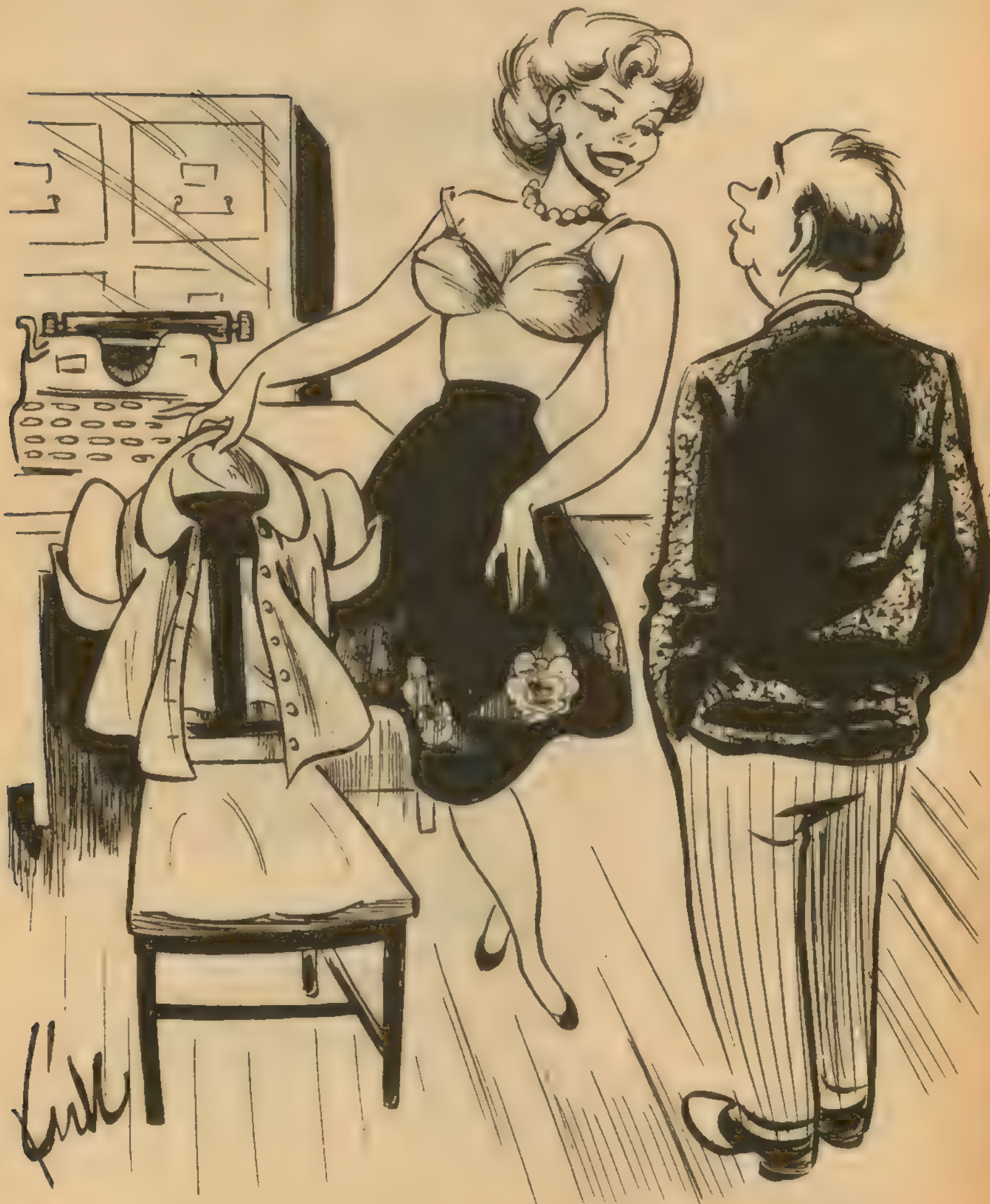
"NOW DON'T FORGET—I'M TO GET MY REGULAR PAY AND VACATION PAY AND A BONUS FOR SPENDING MY VACATION HERE AT THE OFFICE!"

OUT OF HER RANGE!



Whether Or No!

It must have been cold last night because I heard
the girl next door telling her boyfriend to keep
his shirt on.



"HOPE YOU DON'T MIND. I'M TRYING TO KEEP IT CRISP FOR A DATE
TONIGHT!"

Bill: "This is a swell photo of Marilyn Monroe and you skiing up in the mountains, Bob. It was nice of Joe DiMaggio to let you take her on the trip. That's dangerous driving, you know."

Hope: "Yes, I know, Bill. Joe was very cautious, though. He insisted I take two sets of chains—One for the car!"

(Bob Hope Program)



GEORGE
CRENSHAW

"IN CASE YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ABOUT GETTING TO FIRST BASE, I'M BRINGING MOTHER ALONG TO UMPIRE!"



**"THE MASQUERADE PARTY WAS WONDERFUL, SUE, BUT I CAME HOME
SIKH AND TIED!"**



"SOME PEOPLE, DRINK CONFUSES—OTHERS, IT AMUSES!"



"IDIOTS! NOW NOBODY IS ON BOARD ANYMORE!"



"WHAT EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU?"



SENTENCE—FOR LIFE...ROSIE O'NEAL

**"AND SO SAYING, SHE TURNED ON THE HEEL
AND SLOWLY WALKED AWAY!"**

Gert: "The actions of my new boyfriend have the mark of a gentleman."

Myrt: "They do?"

Gert: "I'll say. I'm not nearly as black and blue after a date with him as I am with the other boys!"



Bill: "I had a lot of luck the last time I went fishing."

Gil: "You did?"

Bill: "Sure. I ran into a dozen girls from a nearby nudist colony who were in swimming!"



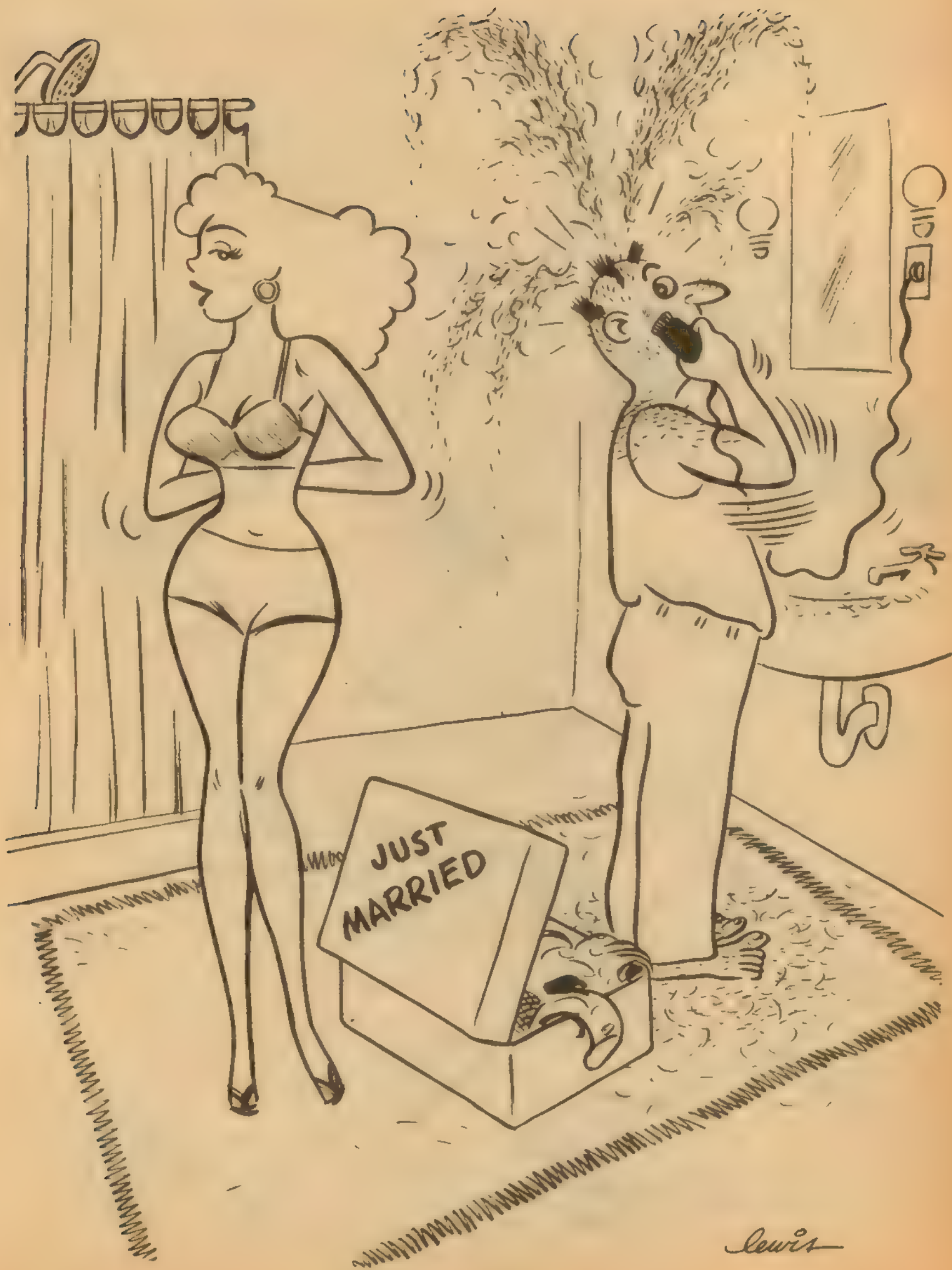
Larry: "I nearly got killed on account of my feet!"

Harry: "What happened?"

Larry: "They were seen sticking out from under a bed!"



"YOU'RE TOO FUSSY! WHY DON'T YOU BUY A NEW CAR?"





"... WITH OR WITHOUT MUSTARD?"



"ARE YOU TRYING TO PICK ME UP?"



AL KAUFMAN

"WHEW! WELL— NEXT SUNDAY YOU MEET MY FAMILY!"



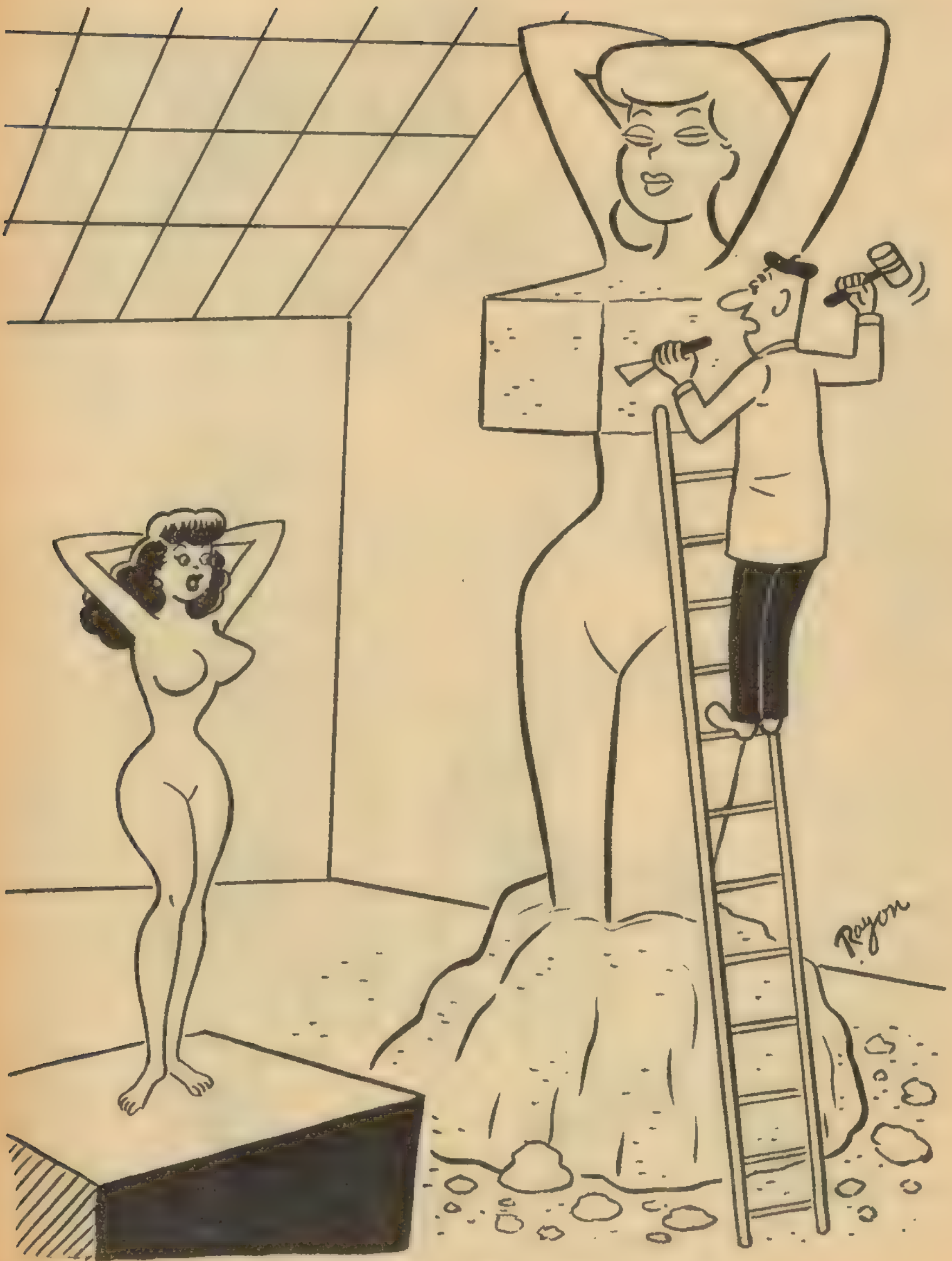
"NEVER MIND, NIXON. I'D LIKE TO GET IT ON HIGHER AUTHORITY!"



"I THOUGHT YOU SAID A LITTLE DICTATION WAS ALL I'D HAVE TO TAKE!"



"GOSH—I JUST HATE TO ASK YOU TO EXHALE!"



"LOOK AT HER; CHIP . . CHIP . . CHIP!"



"HEY, BRING BACK THOSE SLACKS; I LEFT SOMETHING IN THEM!"



"SHOW ME HOW YOU DO IT AND NAME YOUR OWN PRICE!"



**"I FIND THAT THE INTIMATE TECHNIQUE OF SELLING IS THE BEST—MAY
WE TALK IN YOUR DEN—I"**

SUCH THINGS HAPPEN TO ME WHEN WE ARE DANCING



Although many folks insisted
Woman was a mystery,
That no mortal man could fathom,
I just laughed at 'em, you see;

I just listened to their raving,
As I winked the other eye;
"Dames," I snorted, "can't be riddles
To a really clever guy!"



SUCH THINGS HAPPEN TO ME WHEN WE ARE DANCING



**Then I made it my chief business
To be studying the frails,
So I lamped 'em at their labors
And I camped upon their trails;**

SUCH THINGS HAPPEN TO ME WHEN WE ARE DANCING



Oh! I dined 'em and I wined 'em
With a vigor and a vim;
"Hep to women?" I would chuckle,
"Well, I reckon I'm that bim!"

SUCH THINGS HAPPEN TO ME WHEN WE ARE DANCING



Blonde and brunette charmers held
me,
And I spent a pile of rocks
In my seeking after knowledge,
While I got some awful shocks,

SUCH THINGS HAPPEN TO ME WHEN WE ARE DANCING



But I'm here to tell the wide world
And, if needs be, I will fight,
That the folks, who call dames
riddles,
Have the dope that's really right.

SHORT SHAKES!

Jerry: "Just to please her new feller, Dean, my cousin Selma is going to have an operation on her nose."

Dean: "What's she gonna do? Have it straightened a bit?"

Jerry: "No . . . She's gonna have it put between her eyes!"

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Judy: "When we were engaged last summer, Joe gave me a yellow diamond the size of a traffic light!"

Aunt: "But you don't wear it, Judy. What happened?"

Judy: "The traffic changed. It turned green!"

(Judy Canova Sketch)

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Bergen: "Mortimor, it's time you got over your shyness and bashfulness about girls. Did you go over to visit that nice little girl who just moved in next door, like I told you?"

Snerd: "Yes, I did, Bergen."

Bergen: "And did you see her?"

Snerd: "I sure did . . . And if I hadn't ducked behind a bush, she'd have seen me, too!"

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Sapphire: "George Stevens, with that hundred dollars you won on the quiz program, how about paying this dentist's bill that's been layin' around here for six months?"

Kingfish: "No dear. I figgered on using it to pay some of the old ones first!"

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Hope: "My Uncle George is a policeman, Bill. He pounded a beat for 20 years. Walked so much his feet spread."

Bill: "Oh, that's too bad, Bob. Couldn't the captain do something for him?"

Hope: "Oh, that captain! He made things a lot worse. When my uncle complained, he gave him a desk job!"

(Bob Hope Show)

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With Violet cuddled in his arms,
He sped along—poor Willie.
Where once he held his Violet—
He's holding now a lilly!

(Garry Moore Show)



"GO GET A MAN OF YOUR OWN. THIS IS ELLA'S BOYFRIEND!"

Lem: "My girl certainly kept me on my toes last night."

Clem: "Did you go to the party with her?"

Lem: "No, I was peeping through her window."



**"SAY, I'LL BET THESE BALMY SUMMER NIGHTS REALLY ARE NICE OUT
HERE!"**

KROSSWORD . . . KITTY O'ROURKE

**SAYS A WOMAN WHO KEEPS HER EAR TO THE
GROUND, GETS IT FILLED WITH DIRT!**



QUOTEWORD PUZZLE – BY BORIS RANDOLPH

The words in the octagonal cells below are those of a well-known proverb. Find those words first and you will have quite a few clues to help you solve the rest of the puzzle.

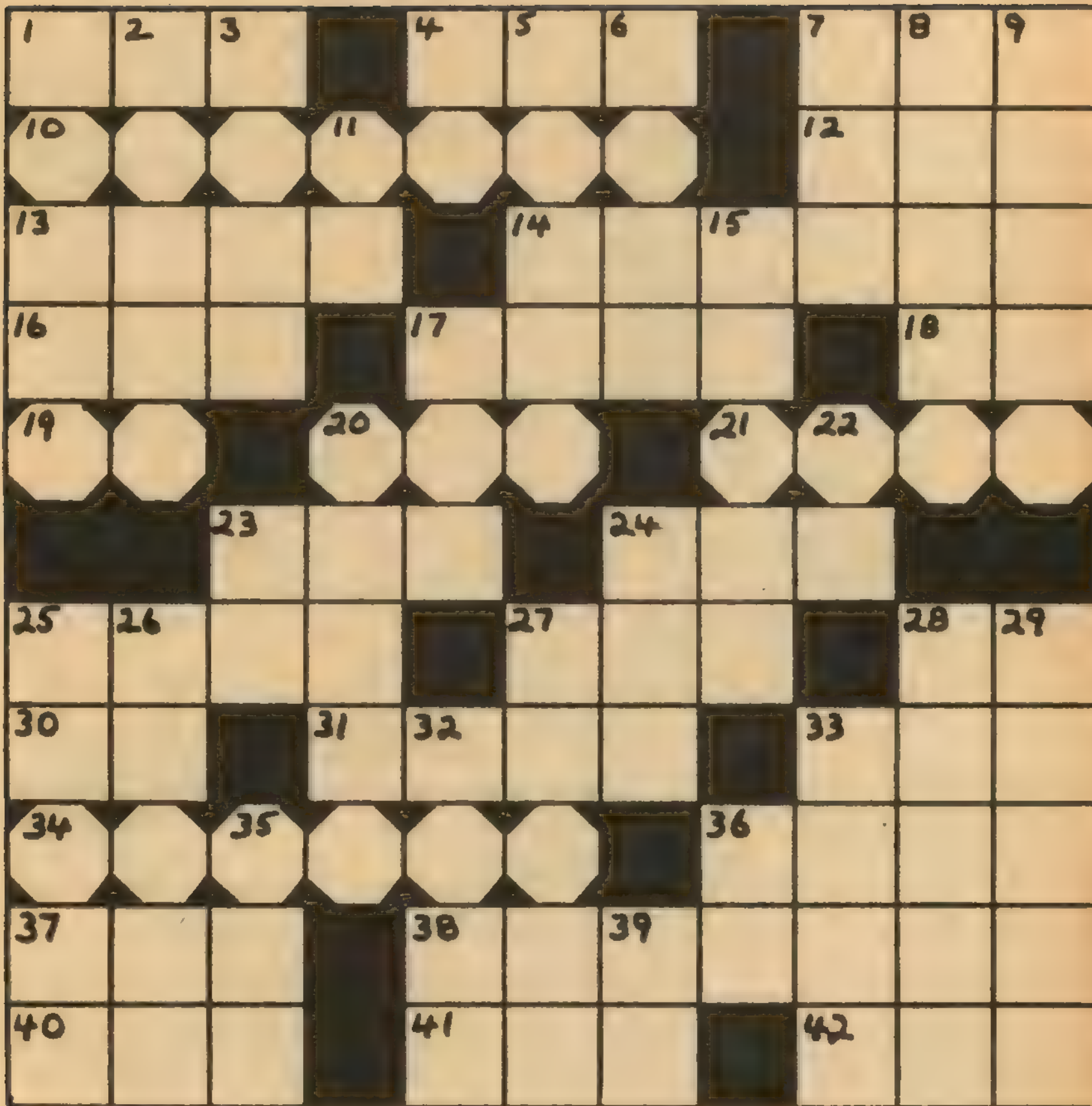
(See page 70 for solution!)

ACROSS

1. Greek letter
4. Snake
7. Slice
10. Integrity
12. Girl's name
13. Measure of length
14. North African language
16. Meadow
17. Plant part
18. Musical note
19. Has being
20. English article
21. Finest
23. Owed
24. Nourished
25. Highlander
27. Instead of
28. Mother
30. Man's name
31. Story
33. Ungentlemanly man
34. Course
36. Opera tune
37. Climbing vine
38. Caption
40. River in Great Britain
41. Sea Eagle
42. Winged insect

DOWN

1. Cayenne pepper source
2. Sharpens
3. Peruvian Indian
4. While
5. Condition
6. Funeral fire
7. Baby animal
8. Basic amounts
9. Silent
11. Expression of inquiry
15. Material for beads
17. Feminine pronoun
20.-frutti, a flavoring
22. Man's name
23. Accomplish
24. Enemy
25. Palatable
26. Spice
27. Airman
28. One of our 48 states
29. Saying
32. Pain
33. Baby's bed
35. Alkaline solution
36. Newspaper notice
39. One





"REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE LITTLE HOW THE BOYS USED TO THROW ROCKS AT US? NOW, I THINK IT'S A BRILLIANT IDEA!"



"FOR ME? WHY, MR. REED, YOU'VE PUT ME ON THE SPOT!"

Mack: "My wife has ruined me. She took everything I had and left me!"

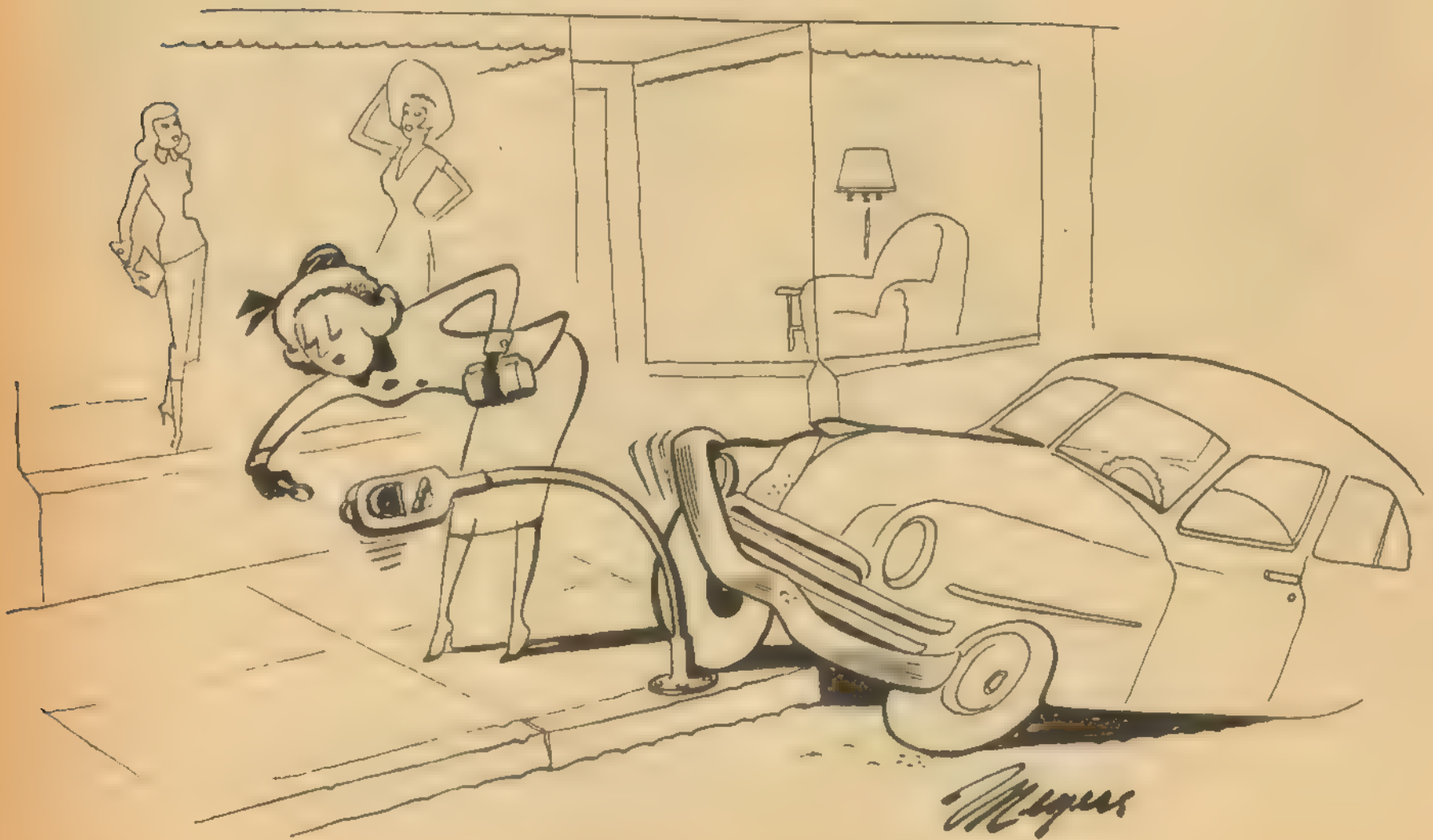
Zack: "Heck, you call that ruin? My wife has taken everything I got and *won't* leave me!"



"What in Heaven's name are you doing with a girl's wrist-watch on your arm?" asked a friend.

"My girl friend gave it to me," explained Bill. "We went for a ride in my car last night and stopped at Lover's Paradise for a while. I took her in my arms and kissed her passionately. She was so thrilled that she said, 'Bill, I'll give you anything you wish.'"

"Boy, that's a beautiful watch!"





**"WHO CAN TELL; IF YOUR PICTURE COMES OUT GOOD YOU MAY BE PUT
ON TELEVISION!"**



"I'M NOT VERY BRIGHT ABOUT ARITHMETIC . . . HOW MANY MINK
COATS EQUAL ONE OIL WELL?"



"THAT'S WHAT I CALL A CASE OF ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT!"



"CONSCIENCE IS WHAT MAKES YOU TELL HOW
YOU CARRIED ON AT THE CONVENTION BEFORE
SOMEBODY ELSE DOES!"



"WHY YOU OLD SLEEPY-HEAD; WE HAVEN'T BEEN HERE FIVE MINUTES YET!"



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"BEEN EATING RED MEAT AGAIN, MR. TATZ?"

PICK-UP ME-UPS!

Eddie: "Have you heard about my plan for ending the depression fast? Put all the men on an island in the Pacific and all the women on an island in the Atlantic. That would soon have them all working."

Jim: "Doing what, Eddie?"

Eddie: "Building boats!"

(Eddie Cantor Sketch)

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May: "I hear your millionaire boy-friend died last week. The one who called you his turtle dove and wanted you to 'coo' at him."

Fay: "Yes, and I certainly wish I had purred at him, too."

May: "Purr at him? Why?"

Fay: "He left a hundred grand to his cat!"

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Kingfish: "You know what the French say about love, Andy: 'Cherchez la femme, l'amour toujours, l'amour' ".

Andy: "Yeah, Kingfish. What do 'dat mean?"

King: "I ain't quite sure, Andy, but from the way they say it, I think it means, 'don't ever let them take this away!'"

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Edie: "With the new process of stereophonic sound, Steve, the sound comes from all over the theatre."

Steve: "I got news for you, Edie. Last night I saw a movie from up in the balcony—and some of those sounds up there weren't in the picture!"

(Steve Allen Show)

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Lorraine: "Yes, I'm a real baseball fan. Milton. I was even before I met Leo Durocher. After all, baseball is America's leading pastime."

Berle: "Of course it is, Lorraine. Now, if somehow we could only convince Errol Flynn of that!"

(Milton Berle Show)



"AND YOU MIGHT ALSO STATE THAT MY FACE IS MY FORTUNE!"



"WHY, MR. BROWN, THAT'S THE THIRD THERMOMETER YOU BROKE TODAY!"

QUIPS BY PIPS . . . BETTY PAIGE



**"THE MODERN WOMAN LOVES TO BE PUT ON A
PEDESTAL, BUT NOT SO HIGH THAT SHE SHOULD
BE PUT OUT OF REACH!"**

They were making passionate love on a lonely lovers lane when suddenly the fellow blurted out: "Darling, I have a confession to make."

"What is it?" she asked breathlessly.

"I'm a married man."

"Golly!" she cried. "You sure had me worried for a minute. I thought you was going to tell me this car was stolen."



Bob: "Do you want to spoon?"

Betty: "Spoon? What's spooning?"

Bob: "Well, look at those other couples over there. That's spooning."

Betty: "Well, if that's spooning, don't expect me to fork it over!"



"THE TROUBLE WITH YOU, STAN—IS YOU CAN'T GET YOUR MIND OFF THE GIRLS!"





"YOU CAN'T EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM A SET YOU BOUGHT AT HALF PRICE!"



**"SO THAT'S THE DRESS YOU MADE FROM ODDS AND ENDS! WELL, IT
SURE IS ODD WHERE IT ENDS!"**



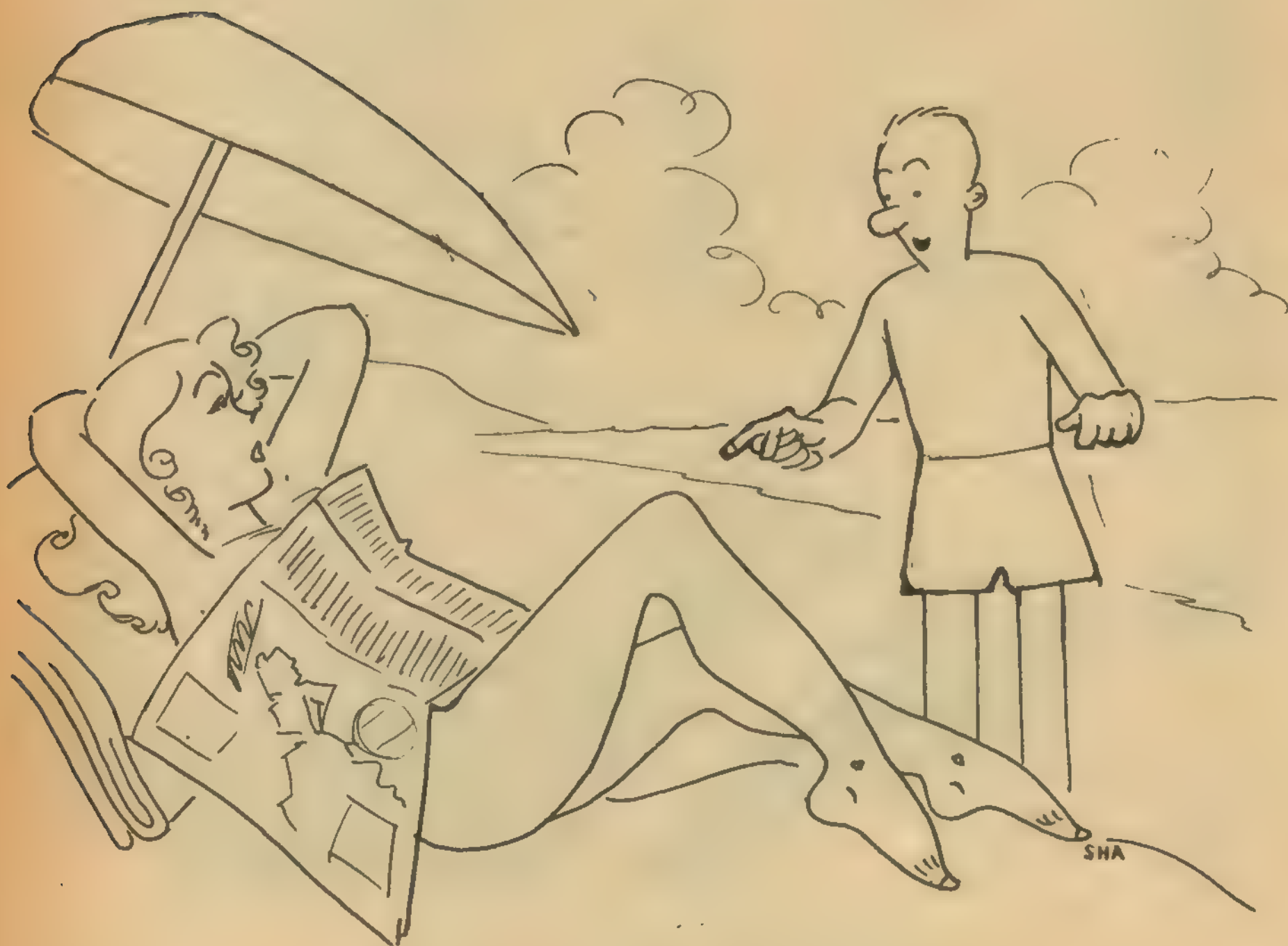
"LADY—WILL YOU PLEASE REMOVE YOUR HATI"



"WE GET NYLON STOCKINGS FROM A PIECE OF
WOOD, PLASTIC EARRINGS FROM COAL, BUT I
MARVEL AT SOME WOMEN WHO GET A MINK
COAT FROM A JERKI"

The farmer had a very annoying habit of coming home in the wee hours of the morning. "A fine farmer you make," his wife berated him one night. "You're always drunk. If you come in at this hour again you'll find yourself locked out."

The very next night he stayed out and, true to her word, the little woman had locked him out, so he went out to the barn and lay down in the hay. Half-awake, he reached over and touched the sow that had lain down beside him. "Why, Honey," he muttered. "When did you get the nightie with two rows of buttons in front?"



"Mind if I have the paper when you're through?"



"MY NAME IS JOHNSON; SHAKE!"



"THAT'S AN INSULT!"



"KEEP STILL AND LET ME DO THE WINKING!"



CAROL DURANT

The Sergeant was sitting with a beautiful girl in a Berlin night club while a PFC sat closeby, surveying the scene. The girl noticed the Private watching her so when the Sergeant left the table for a moment she called the Private over and whispered, "Now's your chance, handsome."

"You're right!" exclaimed the soldier as he drank the Sergeant's double-shot of whiskey.

BOARD of DIRECTORS



"NOW—WOULD ANYONE CARE TO TABLE THE MOTION?"

HYDRA-SMOOCHIE DRIVE

I'd like to get you on the road
To love and tender kisses.
But all you say is, "Funny, huh,
The way this darned engine misses!"

I try to steer us to the park,
Where we can sit on benches.
But all you do is mumble low,
"Wonder where that wrench is."

I view the moon, I sigh and sigh;
My lips and arms are ready.
You bellow from beneath the hood,
"Hold that flashlight steady!"

What happy hours others pass —
He sweet-talks, while she listens.
But all you talk about to me
Are gears and plugs and pistons.

But some day you'll come through, my boy,
And tell me I am classy;
Declare my paint's as good as new,
And gosh, have I a chassis!

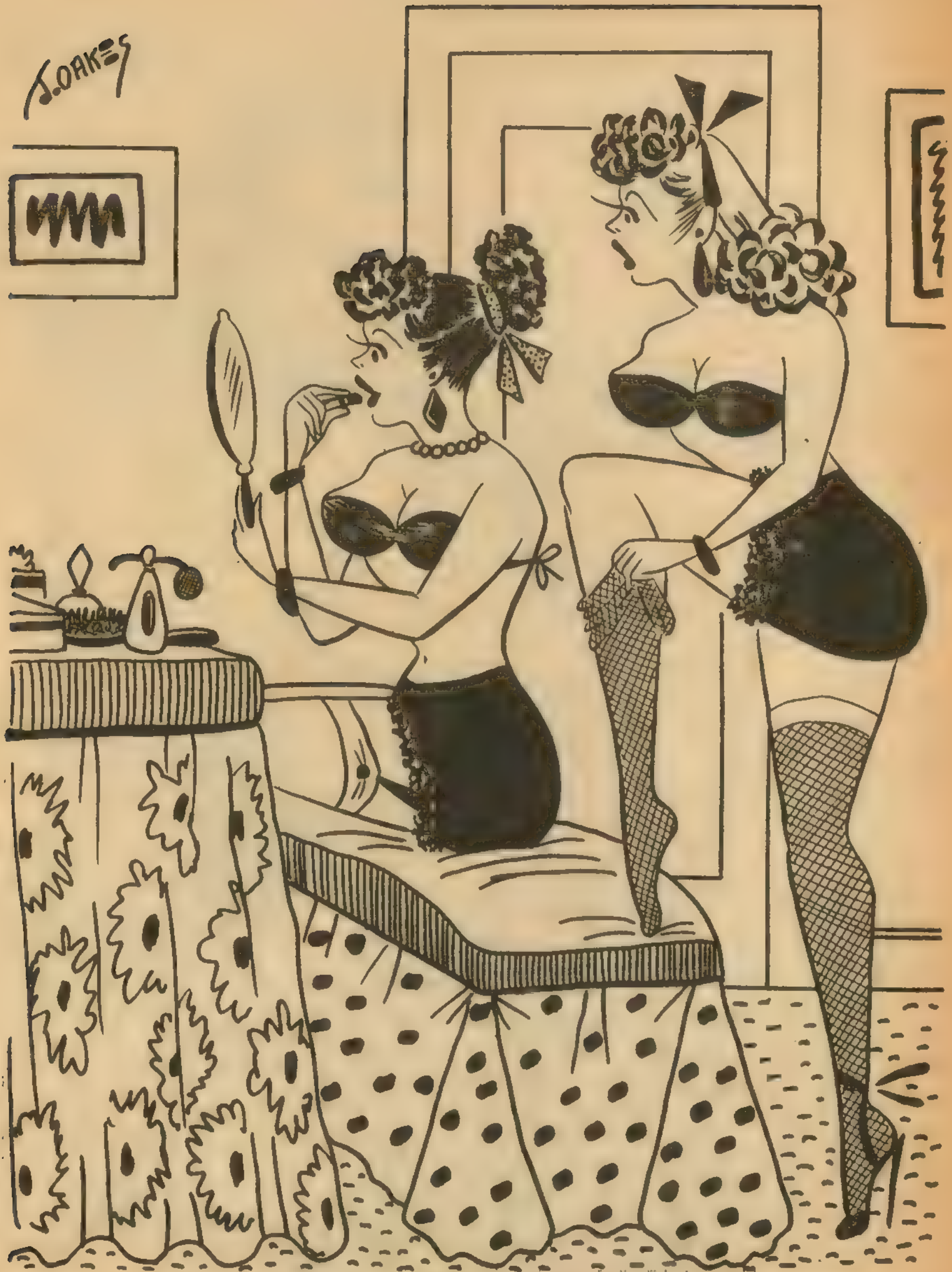
With breathless joy, I'll hear you say
I've dented every fender,
And that your heart beats just for me,
With all its V-8 splendor!



Fred Allen's favorite drunk story concerns the man with a snootful who wandered out on a bridge and noticed the reflection of the moon in the water. He gazed down at it very intently. When a cop came along, the drunk explained that he was confused by the odd light down below.

"There's nothing unusual about that," said the cop. "It's just the moon."

"Well, for goodness sake!" the drunk yelled in alarm. "If that's the moon down there, what am I doing up here?"



"TAKE MY ADVICE AND MARRY FOR LOVE: MONEY YOU CAN GET ANY TIME!"



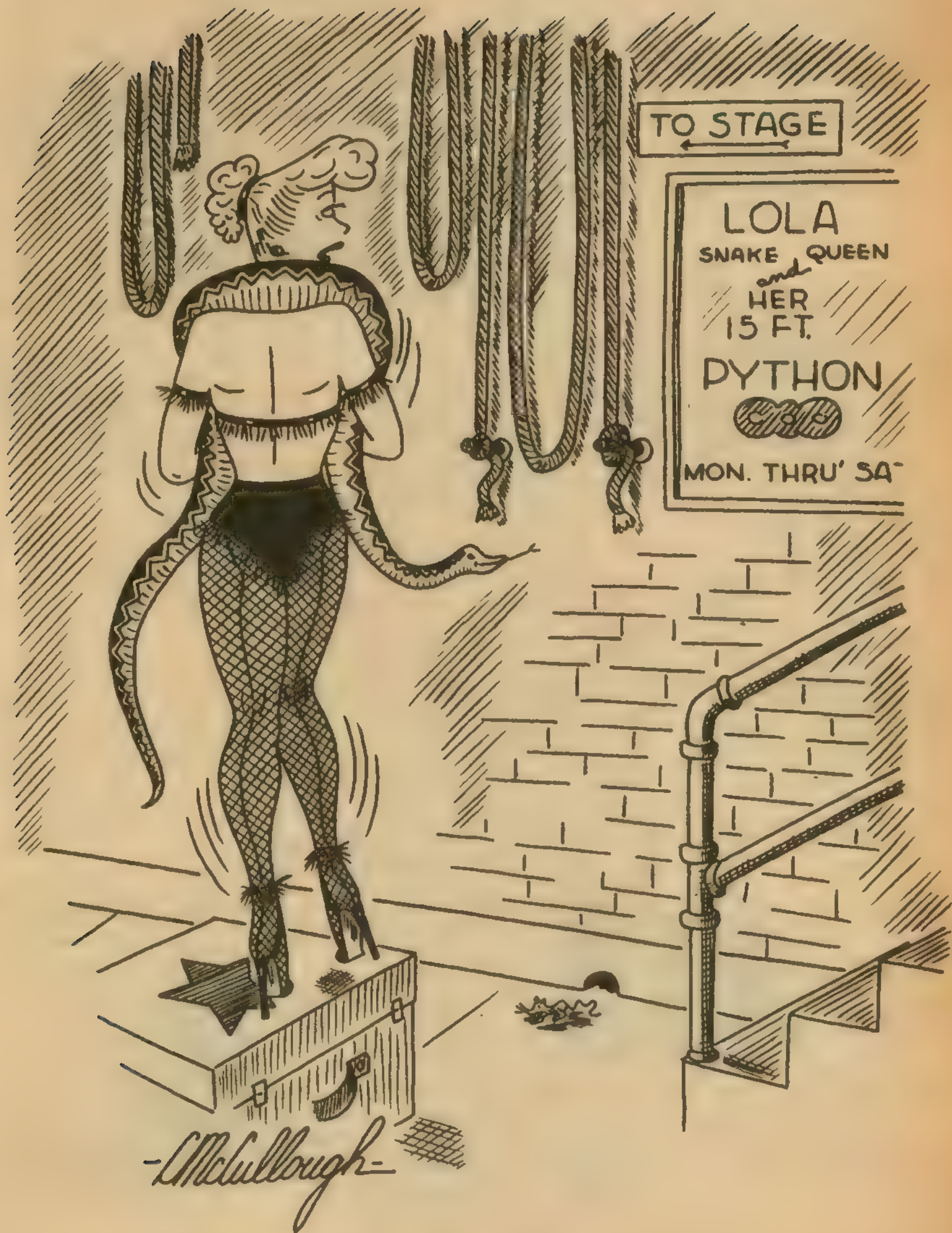
**"AND YOU RECEIVED THAT AS THE GRAND PRIZE FOR "MISS BEDSPREAD
OF 1955"?"**



"INDIVIDUAL WATER METERS — BEFORE DRINKING, PRESS THE BUTTON UNDER YOUR NAME!"



**"MY BOYFRIEND SAYS BEING A CAR DRIVER IS
MORE FUN THAN BEING A JOCKEY. AFTER ALL, A
JOCKEY CAN SEE ONLY THE HORSE'S NECK!"**



"EE-EE-E-E-E-K . . . HELP SOMEBODY . . . THERE'S A MOUSE OUT HERE!"

Paul: "When you burst into your girl's room by mistake, did she have her bathing suit on?"

Saul: "I really couldn't say. Her back was turned!"

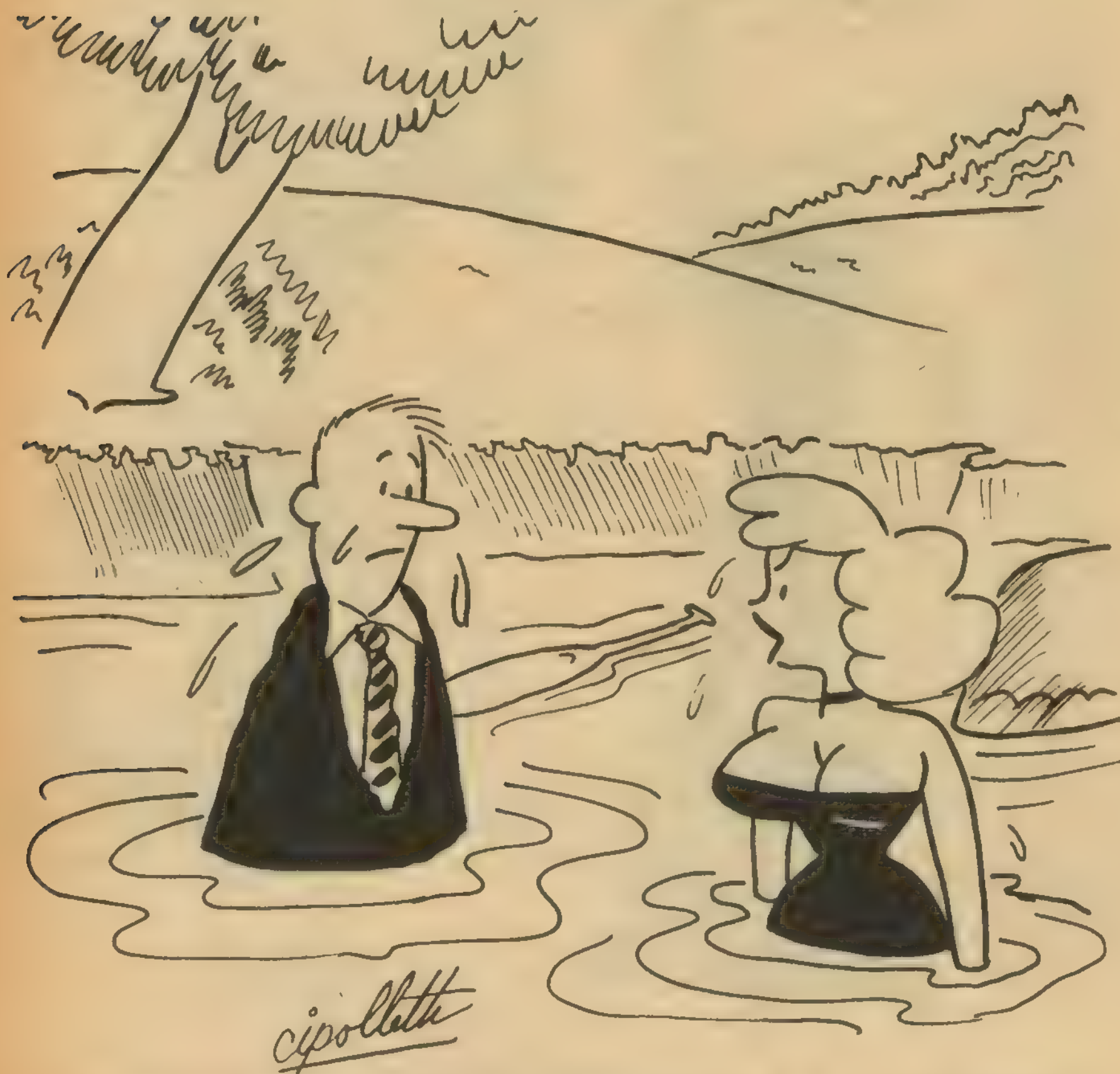
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Hal: "I tried to get into the boss' office today but the door was locked."

Cal: "Wasn't his secretary there?"

Sal: "Yes. That's why the door was locked!"

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**"NOW, DO YOU SEE WHY YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO BEHAVE YOURSELF
IN A CANOE?"**

Mike: "I'm going to kiss you all over the place."

Mindy: "Yeah? Then maybe we ought to go over to your place."

Mike: "Why?"

Mindy: "It's larger than mine!"



"THESE BUSINESS MEN ARE SO CAUTIOUS—I'M GETTING THE NECKLACE
A PEARL AT A TIME!"



"WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN FOR SOME COFFEE AND SLAPS?"



"THIS MAKES US EVEN, ROGER. WHEN FIRST WE MET, I KNOCKED YOUR EYES OUT!"

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"YOU'RE RIGHT, CLEM; PUTTING IN STEAM HEAT WILL NEVER GIVE RESULTS AS GOOD AS THAT OLD COAL STOVE!"

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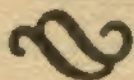
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